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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

REF: BUCHAREST 161

1. ARTICLE I:1 SUGGEST DELEGATION ADVANCE AS OUR FIRST
PREFERENCE THAT OF SIMPLY REFERRING TO GATT WITHOUT
CITING ANY EXPLANATORY LANGUAGE, I.E., DELETE EVERYTHING
AFTER SECOND COMMA OF FIRST SENTENCE. ACCEPTABLE ALTERNA-
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TIVE WOULD BE, IN ADDITION TO GATT REFERENCE, TO QUOTE

FROM GATT ART. I:1 OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS NEEDED TO
SATISFY GOR.

2. DELEGATION MAY AGREE TO DROP THIRD SENTENCE OF
ART. I:1 SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO QUOTE
ACCORDINGLY, THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT, THE
PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF ROMANIA TO THE GENERAL
AGREEMENT OF OCTOBER 15, 1971, AND ANNEXES TO THAT
PROTOCOL SHALL APPLY BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS MODIFIED BY
SUBSEQUENT PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT. UNQUOTE

3. ARTICLE I:2 DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK DELETION OF
QUOTE SATISFACTORILY UNQUOTE SO THAT PHRASE WOULD NOW
READ QUOTE IN PARTICULAR TO RECIPROCATATE REDUCTIONS
UNQUOTE. WE CAN ACCEPT ADDITION QUOTE TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT ROMANIA'S STATUS AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY UNQUOTE,
BUT BECAUSE DETERMINATION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE REGARDING
ROMANIA'S ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP, WE REQUEST DELETION OF
QUOTE AND ITS ELIGIBILITY FOR TREATMENT ACCORDED TO SUCH
COUNTRIES UNQUOTE. (FYI: ALSO, DELETION NECESSARY IN
ORDER AVOID DIFFICULTIES OF INTERPRETATION OF TOKYO
DECLARATION DURING MTNS. BLANKET MENTION OF QUOTE
ELIGIBILITY UNQUOTE WITHOUT SPECIFICITY COULD BE
MISINTERPRETED. END FYI) DELEGATION MAY POINT OUT TO
GOR THAT ROMANIA WAS INCLUDED ON LIST SENT BY PRESIDENT
TO CONGRESS ON JANUARY 14 OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH WE WISH
TO ACCORD GSP.

4. WE QUESTION DELETION OF QUOTE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE AND
UNQUOTE (PARA 11 REFTTEL). IT WOULD SEEM MORE LOGICAL TO
DELETE QUOTE AND RECIPROCITY UNQUOTE. WE BELIEVE GOR
SHOULD PREFER THIS FORMULATION BECAUSE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE
CAN BE USED TO REFER TO TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN A
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY, WHEREAS RECIPROCITY
HAS COME TO HAVE A STRICTER INTERPRETATION. (FYI: IN
ANY EVENT CONCEPT OF RECIPROCITY IS ALREADY PRESENT IN
ARTICLE I:2. END FYI) KISSINGER

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